

**Department and Administrative Services Department  
Fiscal Services Division, Grants Section**

**Attention: Jim Darden**

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**Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee**

**Application for Grant Funding for the FY2016/2017 Budget year from 10/1/2016 to 9/30/2017**

Please complete the following information and submit to the Charlotte County Fiscal Services Division Office by January 15, 2016. All funding requests will be compiled and presented to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) at their monthly meeting on February 11, 2016 (9:30 am, BCC Room 119). All departments/agencies requesting funds should have a representative present at the March 12, 2016 meeting to present their request and answer questions from the Committee. Additional blank copies of this Application can be found at <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/BoardsCommittees/MAC/> then clicking on "Boater Improvement Fund".

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Name of Organization: Charlotte Harbor environmental Center, Inc.

Principal Officer, President, Chairman: Thomas Hecker, CEO

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Amount of Funding Requested: \$55,400.00

Total Cost of Project: \$131,900.00

Purpose of Funding Requested: The funds requested are used to provide Environmental Education Programming for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade children in Charlotte County.

Project Location: Alligator Creek

Estimated Completion Date: June 2017

Does your organization/department receive any other funding sources: YES If yes, please list:

Southwest Florida Water Management District, Public and Business Donations, In-Kind Dockage from the Punta Gorda Marina, and the Charlotte County Public School District.

If permits are required, list each, its type, and status. Attach all permits that have been issued or applied for to this application, along with the estimated length of time to complete the project by phase (if applicable), and a vicinity map. NO permits are required.

Do not apply for funding if permitting time will cause the project to exceed the achievable 1-year completion date.

Benefit to the County:

Charlotte Harbor environmental Center has been offering environmental education programming to the Charlotte County Community since our inception in 1987. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade program alone has provided scientific based experiences to over 24,000 children and 3,700 teachers. The Charlotte County 4<sup>th</sup> Grade environmental Field Studies program has been made possible with the strong support of the Marine Advisory Committee.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade program is designed to give students a better understanding of the water systems of Florida and an introduction to safe and courteous boating. This year we will provide programming for 1,500 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and 60 teachers. The goal of our outdoor water resource program is to bring an understanding and appreciation of the beauty, complexity and fragility of our local water systems to the

students. The creation of a personal connection to these environments creates environmental stewards to see that our natural systems are preserved.

At the Charlotte Harbor & Lemon Bay locations, CHEC utilizes pontoon boats. Students are directly involved in the collection and identification of native marine, estuarine, and freshwater specimens that inhabit systems. CHEC has crab traps set at specific locations to collect specimens and utilized nets to collect other specimens.

What operating costs, if any, are associated with the project? Please see the attached justification for our Boat Based programs.

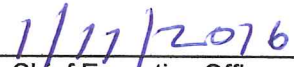
Other Justification:

Please, attach any additional supporting information or documentation you feel is pertinent to your request.

Signature of authorized individual responsible for this application, and should funding be granted, the person responsible for assurances that funds are spent as proposed.



Thomas S. Hecker



Chief Executive Officer

## 2016/2017 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boat Based Programming

<u>Total</u>	<u>Grant Funds Requested</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>	
Chartered Boat Trips on 29' Pontoon Boat and 26' Pontoon Boat	12,500.00	12,500.00	25,000.00
Boat Covers for a 29' Pontoon and 26' Pontoon for preservation of investment	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Development of updated class curriculum & printing of class material for all 4 <sup>th</sup> graders.	32,000.00	53,250.00	85,250.00
Water testing Chemicals & Supplies, Nets, Life Jackets, Collection Buckets & Bincoculars	900.00	750.00	1,650.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55,400.00</b>	<b>76,500.00</b>	<b>131,900.00</b>